Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A computer system, said computer system comprising:

    a bus;

    a central processing unit;

    memory, said memory being connected to said central processing unit via said bus; and

    a password validation mechanism, said password validation mechanism providing simultaneous feedback to a user regarding validity of a single password string for against validity requirements of more than one password-protected resource.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8.   (Canceled)

9.   (Currently Amended) A program product, said program product comprising:

a memory;

a program product disposed on said memory, said program product being a password validation mechanism, said password validation mechanism providing simultaneous feedback to a user regarding validity of a single password string for against validity requirements of more than one password-protected resource.

10.   (Original) The program product of claim 9 wherein said password validation mechanism simultaneously provides feedback for each of said more than one resource.

11.   (Original) The program product of claim 9 wherein said password validation mechanism simultaneously provides feedback for each resource using more than one visual cue.

12.   (Original) The program product of claim 11 wherein said more than one visual cue is selected from the group consisting of icon presentation, message presentation, and character highlighting.

13.   (Canceled)

14.   (Canceled)

15.   (Currently Amended) A method for providing feedback to a user, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a password string from said user;

checking whether said password string conforms with ~~certain~~ validity requirements for more than one password-protected resource; and

presenting said user with feedback regarding said ~~certain~~ validity requirements for each of said more than one password-protected resource.

16.   (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein said presenting step involves simultaneously providing feedback for each of said more than one resource.

17.   (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein said presenting step involves simultaneously providing feedback for each resource using more than one visual cue.

18.   (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein said more than one visual cue is selected from the group consisting of icon presentation, message presentation, and character highlighting.